

Minutes from March 1, 2019 Workers' Compensation Council Meeting:

Meeting was called by Chair Dennis Flynn. In attendance were: Dennis Flynn, Andrea Hamm, Rosa Bava, Jayson Chizick, Sam Larrabee, Sean Shearer, Rick Lovernick, Jeffrey Kirschner, Dan Zolkowski, John Combs, Phil Frame, George Wyatt, Mark Long.

Secretary Report

There was a correction to the minutes from February 1, 2019. The correction being that Dan Zolkowski will take over as editor of the Newsletter after the Summer Section meeting.

With that correction, Andrea Hamm moved to adopt. Christ Westgate Second. With all ayes and no nays, the minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report

We have a balance of \$64,133. This is approximately \$15,000 less than last years. Annual dues are down by \$1000. Rosa Bava mentioned that raising dues and for some payment by members/guests to pay for Summer Meeting. Andrea Hamm indicated we should raise dues by \$10. A presentation to the Section at the Summer Meeting to be done by Dennis Flynn and Phil Frame regarding why justified. However, Jayson Chizick read the bylaws and the dues can only be raised by \$5 per year. Council votes and advises the Section. Chair Flynn called for a Motion to raise the annual dues by \$5. Rosa Bava so moved. Andrea Hamm seconded.

Vote was called. Motion passed with all ayes. Therefore, annual dues will be an additional \$5.

A discussion was held on trends and stability regarding the amount of revenue the Section can generate and spend.

Motion was called on whether the Summer meeting should be free as it was last year for member and their guest/spouse. Rosa Bava moved to have some charge for members/guest/spouse. Chris Westgate second. Vote was called. Motion passed with all ayes and no nays.

Director Mark Long

Director Long discussed the process of replacing the computer system. He requested feedback regarding what the Section would like in reference to docket access.

MCAC George Wyatt

There are 62 active appeal cases. 42 are ready for review. 9 decisions have been completed year to date.

Unemployment there are 385 pending appeals.

David Degraw has been appointed to the Board of Magistrates. The Appellate Commission is waiting for the governor to review regarding a reappointment.

Cases of interests:

- Kelly v Board of Education (Franges issue)
- Rydenbach v City of Kalamazoo (calculation of pension)

Newsletter

Jayson Chizick indicated that the deadline for submission for the Spring newsletter is mid March. The last week of March is the expected publication date. If there is a remembrance anyone wants to do for members that have recently deceased, a submission should be made by the mid March deadline. Phil Frame indicated he had an article to submit. Dan Zolkowski will be the editor after the Annual Summer Meeting.

Legislative Update

John Combs and Jayson Chizick indicated there were no new updates.

Summer Meeting

- 50 Year Member Celebration: Indigo has blocked an additional 10 rooms for the additional members. There are 45 rooms blocked for Thursday and 25 for Friday. Chair Flynn called for a motion to invite and pay room for the honorees and a commemorative pin. Jayson Chizick so moved. Sam Larrabee second. The motion passed with 8 ayes and one nay by Member Sean Shearer
 - Discussion was had regarding members paying for Summer meeting. Motion was called for charging members and guest/spouse a fee for attendance to the Summer meeting. Andrea Hamm moved and Christ Westgate second. Motion passed with all ayes and no nays.
 - Hall of Fame: Discussion was held regarding the criteria. It was agreed no change to criteria was needed.
 - Jayson Chizick discussed the Wine Tour on Friday and the Gathering on Thursday hosted/guided by Mike Brenton. In reference to Wine Tour on June 14, 2019 , Jayson Chizick moved to have Section contribute \$750 toward expense with attendees paying the remainder. Andrea Hamm second. Discussion was held. Motion passed with 8 ayes and one nay by Member Chris Westgate.
- Jayson Chizick also moved to have Section contribute up to \$1000 for Mike Brenton hosting a gathering June 13, 2019 at his house. Andrea Hamm second. Motion passed with all ayes.
- Jayson Chizick indicated that the Section would pay for Chief Magistrate and spouse; 2 magistrates if needed for panel; chief Appellate Commissioner and spouse; Director Mark Long and spouse. Motion was made by Jason Chizick and second by Phil Frame. Motion passed with 8 ayes and one nay by Member Jeff Kirchner.

Past Chair Person Outing

Chris Westgate indicated that this would take place on May 23, 2019. This will be a Tiger game. Lunch is at Rusted Crow at 11:30 am. Member Westgate moved to have \$2000 for the event. Rosa Bava second. Motion passed with all ayes and no nay votes.

Meeting was concluded. Phil Frame moved to adjourn with Chris Westgate second. All members voted aye.

E Vote of March 6, 2019

Chair Dennis Flynn called the emeeting. Phil Frame moved that the Section charge \$50 for each adult to the upcoming Summer Meeting. Dan Hebert seconded the motion. Vote was taken. The following council members voted Aye:

Jayson Chizick

Dan Zolkowski

Phil Frame

Sam Larrabee

Chris Westgare

Rick Lovernick

Sean Shearer

Jeff Kirschner

John Combs

There were no Nay votes and the Motion passed.

E Vote of March 13, 2019

Chair Dennis Flynn called the e meeting. Jayson Chizick moved to invite Dr. Van Buren-Hay to be keynote speaker at the upcoming summer meeting. Further the Section will pay her hotel costs and the Thursday dinner and events. She will be invited to the wine tour instead of the per diem.

This was seconded by Chris Westgate

Vote was taken. The following voted Aye:

Phil Frame

Dan Zolkowski

Dan Hebert

Andrea Hamm

Rick Lovernick

John Combs

Sam Larrabee

Sean Shearer

There were no Nay votes and the Motion passed.

Respectfully,

WC Council Secretary

Rosa Bava